

Rainier Beach: Neighborhood Plan Update: Phase 1 Draft Themes

OVERALL THEME

Linkages: Rainier Beach is rich with cultural and physical resources. The challenge and opportunity for this update is to identify actions that better connect people, organizations, public institutions and places. Recognizing the interconnections, we can both look for multiple ways to address issues and look for way that one action can address multiple issues. The objective is to better connect people, social and cultural organizations, public institutions and places. For example growing local family-owned businesses not only provides economic opportunity for a family and increase the vitality of the business district, it can improve safety by employing local youth and strengthening the connections with the surrounding community; thereby reinforcing safety.

Sources:

Community Wide Meeting March 12	Members of the Laos Community March 4, 2011	Members of the African American Community February 17, 2011
Station 1 - Petra, Julia, David	Seniors and People Living with Disability Community March 11, 2011	Members of the Filipino Community March 10, 2011
Station 2 -Keith Lyle	Members of the Afan-Oromo Speaking Ethiopian Community	On-Line Survey Monkey Questionnaire
Station3 – Susanne, Celeste	February 12, 2011	
Station 4 – Jennifer, Sara and Tony	Members of the Amharic speaking Ethiopian Community February	
Members of the Hispanic/Latino Community January 30, 2011	10, 2011	

Option 1

Community Input			Planning Direction	
What’s Good	What needs improving	Key Issues to be Addressed During Update (Vision for the Future)	Existing Plan Recommendations (examples)	Scope / Issues to be Addressed in NPU
Community Character <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strong identity with existing diversity of race and culturesStrong and lengthy family and social connectionsEnergetic and involved communityPlaces of WorshipFamily	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multicultural identityCelebrate what each culture bringsCreate a positive reputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain a curriculum reflective of and sensitive to the diversity of the students in the schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Build on the asset of community diversity when creating recommendations; especially for economic development/town center areas.Plan comprehensively to ensure that the interrelationships between issues are leveraged.Develop strategies to increase connections between community members.Create places and events that celebrate the best from each culture.
Town Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">Henderson and Rainier = stores and schools/community center/libraryCommunity facilities = community center, schools and libraryPresence of ethnic and small “mom& pop” stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">There is no centerThe core area business and institutions is not pedestrian friendly – safety and street designCommunity leaving Rainier Breach to shop and dineLack of choices for shopping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a CenterBuild on cultural diversityBuild on and improve connections between existing positive elements including business, parks and community facilitiesIncrease breadth of small, locally-owned businesses within the center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beach- Square south of Henderson S between Rainier Ave and Seward Park Ave: Transportation, Development, Land Use, and design concepts to create a core that is attractive, establishes a employment base for youth, and strengthens the physical and social environmentHenderson Blvd.: Recommendations to link the community core to the RB station - zoning, development along HendersonProvide physical and economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Define “town center” as the place or places where the community comes together.Identify specific places and events for community gathering.Define physical improvements to both public and private spaces that will knit together the smaller centers of activity (schools, library, community center, grocery stores, ethnic markets & centers, Seward /Rainier).Further define commercial and residential development opportunities in station area.

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			environment in which existing businesses can grow and thrive, and to which new business will be attracted.	
Shops & Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse, mom & pop stores Safeway and Saars are close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Range of stores Choice of grocery stores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase range of stores; particularly locally-owned, small shops and restaurants More variety of quality food stores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Access to Capital The Rainier Beach community should actively pursue various forms of public investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work to identify and implement programs, such as grants and technical assistance programs that support small business development and employment opportunities. Refine vision for future commercial and residential development of key commercial areas including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Saars/Safeway/Payless Shoes station area Rainier Ave S/S. Rose St Seward Ave S./57th Ave S. Connect economic development with jobs, youth & safety
Youth & Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New investments in schools and community center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceived connection between youth and violence in proximity of schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop more programs for youth and families Create more places for teens to gather Increase collaboration between community and schools around teens education and culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Education: Education as a means of improving the present and future for RB ’s youth, adults, and seniors Provide school facilities for after school use to facilitate additional academic, remedial and enrichment programs for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work to build relationships with SPS. Continue work with Parks to guide youth programming.
Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Good location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More housing Quality of housing stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain access to affordable housing Continue providing housing types affordable too full range of incomes Improve programs and access to programs supporting home ownership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow more residential development around station and along portions of Rainier Down zone MR along Henderson to create a low-rise area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate options to encourage dense residential (with commercial as appropriate) development along Henderson and at the light rail station.
Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convenient access to surrounding areas Light rail and transit service Safe in neighborhoods Safe during the day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of streets Reduced bus service Many streets not pedestrian friendly Poor access to light rail = bus, parking bike Aggressive drivers Poor safety; especially at night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve pedestrian connections especially in commercial core Create a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists Establish good bus connection to light rail Accommodate parking for light rail Safe walking environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less crime on streets Traffic calming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Henderson Blvd.: Recommendations to link the community core to the RB station - circulator, pedestrian, bike and parking. Develop a local circulator system. Explore the potential for shared parking facilities near the station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define strategies to better connect community to transit, including light rail Define improves to and bike pedestrian environment within the Beach Square area and to station. Review Southeast Transportation Strategy, Pedestrian, Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and Transit Master Plan to confirm or recommend changes to priority projects Refine (where needed) the design of key priority project(s) to support cost estimates needed to secure funding.
Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feels safe in neighborhoods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nearly every activity or element of the community is affected by concerns for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polices presence and responsiveness Violence; particularly gang-related More activities/programs to decrease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think of all recommendations as a way to address safety

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Don't feel safe at night 	crime		
Parks & Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong identity with water and Beer Sheva Community Center is an asset (missed) and central to community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parks & Open Space Safety & lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More parks Better access to water Improve park furnishings Increase park programming for all ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapes/52nd Avenue S. Create a safe and attractive pedestrian connection that bisects the Beach Square Community center Library improvements Limited recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define connections to and circulation within public spaces Identify means to improve access to programs/activities for youth and teens Identify ways to improve use of Beer Sheva Furth activate school properties for public use during weekends, summer and evening

Option 2 (with Healthy Living Assessment Framework Integrated)

Community Input			Healthy Living Assessment Indicators	Planning Direction	
What's Good	What needs improving	Key Issues to be Addressed During Update (Vision for the Future)		Existing Plan Recommendations (examples)	Scope / Issues to be Addressed in NPU
COMMUNITY HEALTH / STABILITY: A resilient and interconnected community that contains diverse households, supported by strong social and cultural institutions and services.					
Community Character <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong identity with existing diversity of race and cultures Strong and lengthy family and social connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multicultural identity Celebrate what each culture brings Create a positive reputation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a curriculum reflective of and sensitive to the diversity of the students in the schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the asset of community diversity when creating recommendations; especially for economic development/town center areas. Plan comprehensively to ensure that the interrelationships between issues are leveraged. Develop strategies to increase connections between community members.
Youth & Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New investments in schools and community center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Perceived connection between youth and violence in proximity of schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop more programs for youth and families Create more places for teens to gather Increase collaboration between community and schools around teens education and culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS.4 Subsidized childcare spots per child below the poverty level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Education: Education as a means of improving the present and future for RB 's youth, adults, and seniors Provide school facilities for after school use to facilitate additional academic, remedial and enrichment programs for youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue work to build relationships with SPS. Continue work with Parks to guide youth programming.
Gathering & Support networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energetic and involved community Places of Worship 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA.5 Neighborhood service completeness: Existence of at least 8 out of 11 common public services within the urban village 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create places and events that celebrate the best from each culture.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family			(childcare/daycare, community garden, public health clinic, library, parks or open spaces, performance space or cultural center, place of worship, post office/mail drop box, public art, recreational facility, and public school)		
Shops & Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">Diverse, mom & pop stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Range of storesChoice of grocery stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increase range of stores; particularly shops and restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA.6 Neighborhood retail completeness Existence of at least 9 out of 13 common retail services within the urban village (auto repair, banks/credit unions, beauty salon/barber shop, bike repair, coffee shop, dry cleaner, eating establishments, gym/fitness center, hardware store, Laundromat, pharmacy, retail food market (including supermarket, produce store, and other retail food stores), entertainment (e.g., video store or movie theater)CS.1 Rate of new business start-upsCS.1.1 Rate of failuresCS.2 Number and size of businesses by sectorCS.3 Retail/commercial space average price per square foot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide Access to CapitalThe Rainier Beach community should actively pursue various forms of public investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify measures, such as grants and programs that support small business development and employment opportunities.Refine vision for future development of key commercial areas (Saars, Safeway)Define commercial and residential development opportunities in station area.Connect economic development with jobs, youth & safety
Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">Feels safe in neighborhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nearly every activity or element of the community is affected by concerns for safetyDon’t feel safe at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Polices presence and responsivenessViolence; particularly gang-relatedMore activities/programs to decrease crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA.4 Personal crime incidents with police involvement per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Think of all recommendations as a way to address safety
PERSONAL HEALTH: A neighborhood that provides access to resources necessary to live a healthful life					
1. MOBILITY AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY					
Walking <ul style="list-style-type: none">Safe in neighborhoodsSafe during the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aggressive driversPoor safety; especially at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safe walking environment<ul style="list-style-type: none">Less crime on streetsTraffic calming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA.3 Percentage of roadway with missing sidewalksPA.4 Personal crime incidents with police involvement per yearPA.5 Neighborhood service completeness: Existence of at least 8 out of 11 common public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review Southeast Transportation Strategy, Pedestrian, Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan and Transit Master Plan to confirm or recommend changes to priority projectsRefine (where needed) the design of key priority project(s) to support cost

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<i>Biking</i> ¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none">Safe off major streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Biking facilities need improving</i><i>“Bad drivers” pose risk</i><i>Note: Many community members/cultures don’t ride bikes</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">PA.2 Ratio of miles of bike facilities per miles of roadwayPA.5 Neighborhood service completeness: Existence of at least 8 out of 11 common public services within the urban villagePA.6 Neighborhood retail completeness Existence of at least 9 out of 13 common retail services within the urban village	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
2. HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Safeway and Saars are close	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choice of grocery stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none">More variety of quality food storesMore restaurants and gathering places	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Distance: FA.1 Percentage of residences within ½ mile of a supermarket/grocery store that accepts EBT (food stamps) and WICVariety/choice: FA.3 Farmers market (that accepts WIC/SNAP) located in the neighborhoodFA.2 Number of community gardens for each 2,500 householdsFast food restaurants per 100,000 residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT: A natural and man-made environment that is health and provides for a healthy community					
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¹ The topic of biking issues was raised in the meetings and questionnaires, but was not a significant concern of many participants.

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Community & Culture								
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 98118 diverse zip code• diversity• People and diversity!• Like diversity• Diversity of businesses a draw from LR.• Diversity• Cultural diversity• diversity – it's not a black and white neighborhood• Diversity . neigh• I'm used to a diverse community• Diversity, opportunity to work with community in jobs• the area's diversity is sort of a "bragging right"• Live – diverse neighborhood• Black People (African American)• Diversity, price, community• Diversity, cheap housing, lots of community• The Filipino Community of Seattle is located here.• Like the diversity, not as crowded as north end of Seattle• The Filipino Community Center (FCC) is close by• Diverse cultural foundation and green space• Diversity, Convenience• Diversity!• <u>Ethnic Diversity and lower cost of housing</u>• <u>Affordable housing at the time.</u>• Affordable, diverse, central location.• Most affordable, most diverse within Seattle City Limits.• Affordable, many friends in the area• Affordable, diverse & great neighbors!• Price, attractiveness, diversity• Housing Price was just right.• Great residential/shopping/schools, parks, neighborhoods• Found a nice rental house on Lake Washington• Affordable housing fairly close to downtown• Affordable, prime real estate huge upside• Affordable housing, location, & culturally diverse• Affordable living in a quality neighborhood w/great views• Affordable home• Affordable house, diverse community• The affordability of the house and the awesome view of Lake Washington• Housing costs, lightrail, diversity, better than suburbs• Could afford a house; easy to get to other areas of Seattle; okay neighborhood			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not enough emphasis on African-American culture – facilities, would like ongoing activites – build culture within schools or other places – not being marketed enough• No place to meet• More than just the community center• No active parish between St. Edwards and St. Paul's for the Rainier Beach Community.• There are a few churches in our neighborhood but i attend others.• No. The closes Episcopal church is in Seward Park.			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multicultural event for the neighborhood and people from all over the city to come to• Cultural diversity could bring "unique flavor" to the Seattle "culture", and be a center of building bridges to a "whole well-being" emphasis - - a pilot project for the United States.• Diversity can be taken advantage of positively as destination for the City and a model for the nation• Chancel forces – the way people approach things allows a different point of view to co. arise and come to forefront• Community gatherings – help support these – South Shore Plaza• Cultural/community center for Latin culture (sports, etc.)• ESL, tutoring• Soften, green space, celebrate the best diverse cultures have to offer! Give the youth beauty t give hope against the tough times and brutality!• Diversity, color, celebrate the Sound, Mt Rainier, and Lake Washington. I want to see cultures put forward their best; music, food, dance, art and talents.• I would love to see a cultural center that could be shared by many groups to hold events and provide programs. This would be great for our diverse community. I would love to go to events put on by various groups. Many associations and community organizations are too narrowly focused. THAT is a problem! Many groups are made up of white, upper middle class folks that have deep seated hostility or - at a minimum - a lack of understanding for people of other socioeconomic status. THIS is wrong and structures should not be designed around the most vocal and powerful among us! BTW - I would be considered white and middle class AND I know what I'm talking about with this concern.• Transformation of the RBH into safe and friendly neighborhood; availability of parks & recreation places, youth activity & play areas; speed-bumps and cross-walks in busy and dangerous places like Renton Ave S by the Oromo Community and Oromo Cultural center (Afan-Oromo speaking Ethiopian).• Like to see Rainier Beach HS have a great reputation• Architecture and City planning can maintain the green, celebrate Rainier Beach natural beauty by seeking environmental and social justice – Example: enforce H2O quality on Rose St gas station and that block to clean up old tires, oil pouring into the storm drain, drug dealing and garbage.• There was a request for City officials to help prevent racial discrimination against Latinos especially the elderly.• Ask Mayor and City Council to lower taxes.• Local job opportunities, more investment in Southeast Seattle, Long range plan for street and infrastructure maintenance, for Rainier Beach.• Cradle to career pathway for every family's children, litter patrol.• Respect for each other and the environment; respectful behavior conduct, mannerisms, public conversation. Less littering and vandalism. Also, community centers updated.• Respect!		

Groups of similar comments

What's Good	What Needs Improving	What's Missing (Ideas for the Future)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable home prices. Link Light Rail. Seward Park.• affordable, convenient location• Affordability, lots of families, walking distance to shops, stores, light rail, etc.• I could afford to buy a house here.• Affordability• We could afford to buy a house• Originally it was the price we were able to pay to buy. We really liked it here and when we moved into a bigger place we ended up buying right around the corner from our original place• Churches – food bank, developing community gardens, children’s choir, afterschool programs, general services• Mosque to pray• Ethiopian Church – keep.• Our worship center/church is here• For religious gatherings• For Bible study• Temple; we go to the temple for other gatherings and activities (Laotian).• Church (MedhaneAlem Evangelical Church)• Saint Paul Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Help with food, clothing, utilities, etc. to neighbors requesting help. Rainier Beach Community Club, advocate for neighborhood, scholarships, support.• That Buddhist center on Rainier is very cool and the building lifts the community up as any spiritual place would.• For fellowship• I worship in the neighborhood at the catholic church• Yes - gives spiritual guidance• My children are living in/around a diverse population – important for children to have xxx.• Daughter on Beacon Hill• Close to freeway and families close by• This is where I grew up and I was born here• I like to stay with my family here• Knew people in the neighborhood• Close to friends places• Knew someone• A kindness. people are very very nice• Live here because parents live here.• (born and raised near Rainier Beach) parents built/bought house• Families, groceries (Asian), cunu los• born here• Been here since 1973• Bought a house here in 1987• My roots are so deep here• I have always lived here.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

What’s Good	What Needs Improving	What’s Missing (Ideas for the Future)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's home.• I grew up in this neighborhood and chose to stay here because of the convenience of proximity to everywhere else in the city.• Live nearby• I grew up here• My wife was raised in Rainier Beach and our son makes the 4th generation in the area.• My husband lived here for more than 20 years.• Grew up in the area.• Family came to rainier beach in 1946• My neighbors are great. Housing was affordable for me here at the time I bought.• Work here because this is what I know• More real – authenticity• Like: Lively people on street, diversity.• People are working together, less individualism• Committed community groups• There are a lot of community organizations and the light rail makes it easy to get downtown• Community center• Yes. Social interactions are vital.• The Filipino Community of Seattle is quite active in the Southeast District Council and Neighborhood Council. They also participate in monthly dialogue with the Police Department and engage in several activities/community functions and events in the area.• The day-after Thanksgiving event was awesome.• Our community center locates here (Ethiopian Community Center)• The major reasons given for the Afan-Oromo speaking Ethiopian attachment/coming to RBN are presence of community and cultural organizations they are associated with in that Neighborhood. Moreover, some attendees also mentioned that they shop and live in this neighborhood.• Community agriculture projects – community garden/farming• I like the people, shops, and parks and community center and library.• The Rainier Beach Community Empowerment Coalition - addressing critical issues existing in the neighborhood and knitting people together to effectively solve them.• the Empowerment Coalition is an important partner, especially for kids• I go to the Upper Rainier Beach community meetings that Yolanda Gil organizes. She's terrific. This group has spun off into other groups like a gardening group, etc. that has allowed me to meet more of my neighbors and get more acquainted.• We volunteer monthly at Dead Horse Canyon, which is kind of the opposite direction from RB. Our block watch and the upper Rainier Beach google groups are active and vital parts of our neighborhood		

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<p>fabric. All afford people the opportunity to connect with each other in meaningful ways. Dead Horse canyon is a great way to make a concrete difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am a member of the local block watch, and we meet regularly at the Presbyterian Church on Waters• Southend Seattle, MLKBA• yes; they make me more aware of what is going on in the neighborhood• I'm not involved with anything right now but in the past the CC Cinema, CC Farmers Market and CC Choir. I like how accessible these orgs are and how involved biz & people are.• Rainier Health and Fitness• The South Shore complex and the plans for the Community Center are good!• Active with ACRS, but not really in my neighborhood• We love living near a temple. We can see their celebrations from our home, and it is wonderful.• Neighborhood block watch. I think they're very important to build a sense of community and to keep it safe.• Rainier Beach Block watch• Rainier Beach Community• Neighbors along Lake are friendly and we do a lot socially.• Walkability to church, parks• Spend all of time here• Re: atmosphere• Urban, old neighborhoods with new, a lot of energy• The Library• Like to live here• Lots of Asian groceries store near by• Good bakeries• This is where I live• Close to town. On the Lake.• Views, good neighborhoods, home prices• Location, value, diversity, beauty• Close to water, diverse• Close to public transit, access to highways, and employment• Beautiful houses, big yards, lake views• It is close to where I live.• This is the closest to downtown Seattle that we could afford to purchase a home at the time.• Close to Lake• It's on/near the lake• it's views and convenience to airport and downtown• Location and cost of home on lake• Lake front• Half a block from school		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenient location for my work, stores and library• It is convenient• Housing, location, transportation schools• Good location, multicultural community, affordable housing price• Beautiful Home, Affordable Price, Diverse Neighborhood is important to how I want to raise my family• Primarily it was the home that we bought - we fell in love with it. We also appreciated the diversity of our neighborhood.• That is where the business I work for is.• It was an emerging neighborhood and I wanted to be a part of it, it is happening now• New Rainer Vista homes		
Town Center		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeway• Safeway• Near Safeway supermarket area.• Safeway Rainier Beach Safeway(sigh).• The Safeway store• Around Safeway• Safeway area--Henderson and Rainier area• Safeway on Rainier and 51st.• Safeway @ 51st and Rainier• Safeway and other businesses on Rainier Ave S and/or strip near Othello Light Rail Station• Safeway/Rainier Library area• "Center" – gathering – Safeway, donut shop, parks in good weather.• Rainier Beach - Merchants, Retailers, High School area - Community Center• Rainier Ave S. from Kenyon to 51st & Roxbury, and Martin Luther King Jr. to Lake Washington & Waters Ave.at Roxbury.• Rainier Beach School area• By the Rainier Beach High School• RB community center/ south shore k8• Rainier and Henderson• Rainier and Henderson• Henderson corridor• At the intersection of Henderson St. and Renton Ave S.• Rainier/Henderson area with Safeway, the library, etc.• Henderson• Henderson & Rainier• Henderson/Rainier Ave. (Safeway)• Henderson and Rainier Ave.?? or Rainer Ave @ Seward Park Dr and 57th Ave S.?• Rainier Ave. from Henderson south & east to 57th St. S.• Rainier Ave S & S Henderson St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No Town Center• Rainier Beach doesn't have a community feeling!• No town center – would like one.• There's no center to the center.• No town center - goes to Columbia City.• I don't think Rainier beach has one• None• The commercial district of Rainier Beach is pretty pathetic. There is nothing here to attract outsiders or even people that live in the neighborhood. Locals that have easy access to transportation leave the neighbor to shop at grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, etc. There are little to no stores selling wares of any sort. In general, the services currently in the neighborhood that should remain are grocery, gas, library, schools, health facilities, restaurants, community center, light rail.• Doesn't have much in the way of unique characteristics. Mayas is the best thing in the neighborhood, and the library!• What commercial district?• The rustic old world feel of the Columbia City shops on Rainier Avenue, including the street lamps and brick sidewalks.• There isn't one!!!! The closest is Columbia City, which isn't close enough.• There isn't one. Or at least one that I feel safe in.• We need one• There really isn't one. Just a 30 mile an hour highway through the middle of RB. (Of course, the cars go upwards of 40-50mph.)• There really isn't one--that's one of the issues. Henderson and Rainier doesn't fit, and neither does the commercial strip further south• There is no town center. I tend to go to Renton to shop.• There is currently no town center. The business district is not very approachable, too much fast food, average grocery stores, crime, and not enough light to feel inviting• Not applicable. Unfortunately.• Isn't one....sadly if forced to pick - Rainier and Henderson• No idea• None now	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would like to a town center where there is more of a 'heart' of Rainier Beach feel to it.• This area could be like Edmonds. Very desirable to visit, and spend money.• Stores/services (buy gift cards for local businesses)• Re-think land use along Lake Washington.• Encourage "businesses" to locate here. Aesthetic businesses , so we can increase income and destination center with adequate transportation infrastructure.• Healthier businesses – walkable distance• More attractive gathering spots.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Coffee shops, breakfast places, bookstores – allow people to hang out.• More business friendly xxx to increase walkable/ped friendly on Rainier Ave – like Columbia City, Fremont – shop at small businesses and stay local to shop• Make a walkable shopping area easy for elderly/children to shop• Needs to have a beautiful aesthetic, safe, healthy multi cultural well being center where people from all over Seattle come to experience the healthy potential of safe, healthy, multi cultural prosperity and aesthetic cultural expression.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Needs walk areas, parks, fun activities, American healthy restaurants, coffee, and breakfast places.○ There's a need to create an aesthetic plan for the built environment.• Preserve unique shopping = open up, make welcoming to all (more windows, façade improvements).• Better commercial district. Road maintenance and improvements, and traffic easing on multi. Intersection crossways like on the Renton, Roxbury and 51st. I would like to see a street fair, carnival or a framers market to attract locals and shoppers from surrounding communities.• I'd love to see a vibrant community develop like Columbia City. There are reasons to walk down the street - restaurants, gift stores, book store, consignment store, movie theatre, the farmers market. There is a reason to go to more than one place.• Would like to see some aspects like Columbia City -- but not as gentrified

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainier & Henderson, if you want to get shot.• Rainier Ave from Henderson to 51st Ave S• Rainer Ave between 51st & 57th• Rainier Ave & Henderson• Rainier Ave, from Henderson to Seward park Boulevard• Henderson and Rainier Ave• Kind of on Rainier between the community center, library and Safeway• The Rainier Beach Community Center• The Rainier Beach Community Center• Community center• The Public Library• Library• The public library• Library, schools, shopping center• Ethiopian Community Center• Community Center at Henderson and Rainier• Rainer Beach High School• The library.• The library?? Good question. I don't know.• At the FCC• Columbia City• Columbia city--not RB• Columbia City• Columbia City• Columbia City area, but that is a ways north of Rainer Beach. I don't think Rainer Beach has a "town center."• Columbia City• Columbia City/Othello = core retail areas• I consider downtown Columbia City to be Rainier Beach's town center. It has the right mix of shops, restaurants, coffee houses, etc. It's the meeting place, the place to run errands. The closest thing Rainier Beach has to a "town center" is the corner of Rainier & Henderson, and there is nothing currently desirable about that corner.• Columbia City• Columbia City• Shops and businesses on Rainier Avenue in Columbia City• We go to Columbia City for dinner, movies, etc. There really isn't much in Rainier Beach commercially.• Maybe Safeway?• Othello Link station and Columbia City• Othello• I go to the Othello/MLK area.• Othello station area for me.• It varies Renton or Rainier Beach• Renton	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No real town center• Too crowded• Lack of art galleries, community center closed, events lacking.• There's a hollow center between Saars & Safeway.• I don't consider Rainier Square to be a community square. large stores that face away from each other• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build Rainier as a preferred destination for Seattleites to visit and spend the day. Need all new amenities.• More density – commercial.• More commercial/shopping – sidewalk-facing businesses – not big parking lots – fill in gaps.• Would be nice to have shops in clusters and connected• Improve commercial area• Better surroundings, lights, roads, sidewalks, etc.• How dirty/nasty the streets and sidewalks are.• The old bumpy roads with ditches. More security and police.• Clean up the garbage and restore broken or trashed buildings or objects and the roads.• The look of how it looks.• The cleanliness• It would be cleaner and buildings would be newer.• The raggedyness. Better bathrooms. Better parks and paths, etc.• [Preserve] solemnity, secured feeling, the parks• Cleaner streets; trash needs to be cleaned up more• Better lighting• Activate south end of Maps Creek walkway – gravel strip a great space for weekend visitors, food carts, art events on weekends• People loitering at one area.• The violence and littering.• More places for teens to hang.• What about a bite of Rainier event?• Continue to encourage local food – AC Nursery, Tilth involvement• Opportunities around healthy eating<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ People need better info & opportunities to connect to garden, etc.◦ Connect youth.• Summer connections from the north for SEED arts (RB CC, RB playfield)• Less traffic• The lake front (though small) has potential. Right now, a martial arts dojo, an auto shop and the marina are part of the deadlocked corner that could use better development.• Up the hill on 57th Ave S to Waters is also poorly used and could be looked at as opportunities.• More shopping, creation of some kind of town center. More even income distribution (right now it's too rich/poor), more young adults moving into the neighborhood, less drive-by shootings• Town center @ LRT station → more development & goods/services.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renton• Renton• I actually shop in downtown Renton because it is close to me and safer than Rainier Beach• Mapes Creek Walkway• Graham and MLK or the Walden and Rainier Safeway Plaza.....really lacks a true town center• Downtown• Close to most things, easy to get around		
Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeway donut• Shop at Safeway/cleaners/restaurant• Safeway• Safeway• Safeway• Safeway, donuts, veterinary, Pillanella, Vince's, Café Vignole, Rainier health and Fitness• pharmacy• Safeway, farmer's market• Safeway or Viet-Wah• Safeway and Saars Market.• Safeway in RB• Safeways and renton fred meyers• Safeway, Saars and QFC• Safeway and Columbia City Farmer's Market.• Safeway, Albertsons, and the Ballard Farmer's market.• Safeway and pcc• Safeway and PCC (in Seward Park)• Safeway.• Both Safeways--Rainier Ave S and 52nd and MLK and Othello• Safeway Renton, QFC Mt. Baker, Saars, QFC Bellevue, Safeway RB• Safeway, PCC, QFC, Red Apple• Rainier Beach Safeway. (40%)• Safeway, PCC, Fred Meyer Renton, Qfc, Farmers Market in Summer• Safeway• Safeway.• Safeway• Genesee Safeway• Safeway and Trader Joes on Capitol Hill or W. Seattle• Safeway but that is only because it's the only decent place without driving further into Seattle or into Renton• Safeway• Rainier Beach Safeway or Othello Safeway• Usually at the Safeway near Rainier & Henderson.• All of the local grocery stores available, Safeway, PCC, Viet-Wah.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Money not spent in neighborhood but in Columbia City or Renton• Lack of options/choices. Food services – force out to Tukwila and Renton• Missing options in terms of restaurants/stores• Lot of proximity shops gone (Laundromat, keys)• No small commodity hardware store• Clothing stores, toy stores – need them• Hardware store• Better grocery options – more bang for buck.• Safeway, Saars - lack quality, ready-to-eat, produce, food, environment.• Need more choice than Sears and Safeway• Safeway – inadequate.• Safeway's lines are so long – travel to Renton for groceries• Miss the QFC/issue with high school• 15th and Beacon or Columbia Way is where I go for fresh produce• Need more grocery options go to PCC to shop.• Want Trader Joe's!• Trader Joe's instead of Saars.• Would love a Trader Joes – different items, good quality price• Not enough stores/not enough range• Differences in prices at McDonald's, eggs/milk at Safeway have compared with north end.• American restaurant. I want more restaurants.• Not as many sit down restaurants• No coffee shop for gathering!• No coffee big enough to bring my kids; sitting with a neighbor is local with space for kids• No bakery• Stores/shops to walk to / safely (not with cars)• Closing of Vince's• Vince's closing/no lack of eateries• Safety, cleanliness, larger groceries/retail• Pancake house (Rainier & Canyon) closed and lot vacation for 25 years• Relationship/connection with small businesses disappears as businesses die. These businesses used to provide employment for youth, anchoring community• Need to shut down payday loan places• More nice business and nice restaurants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good grocery store. More variety of retail. Parking available so we can take light rail downtown• Grocery shopping, Restaurants, other boutique shopping, school, access to the Lake• Grocery stores - library-banks- schools• Good food stores and schools• Better food stores• Grocery, parks and green space, bike trails and lanes, maintained landscaping, restaurants, cafes, shops, services, community center, library, farmers market, etc.• Grocery store close by and restaurants for take-out. All other services I need I get by my work in Kirkland.• Groceries, cafes (need good coffee), restaurants, hardware store, bike store• Groceries, including the butcher, bakery, coffee shops. The library. Services like plumbers, etc.• Grocer, Drugstore, Department Store, Post Office• Having grocery store, restaurants, etc nearby and safe to access with children. Having safe and passable streets.• Need better grocery (though we appreciate Saars), more places to gather such as coffee shops & wine bars, places for entertainment - live music, etc. Improved curb-appeal for businesses.• More variety of quality food stores...like a Trader Joe's or even an Albertson's would be fine. It's frustrating only having one place to shop (I never go to Saars).I would like to see more fun things to do like shopping, movies, skating rink, an all purpose type store such as There is nothing to do in Rainier Beach, no movie house, no fun shops, etc. I like the community center, they do great work, offer many activities. I would like to see more p patch opportunities, I am glad about the Atlantic Street garden. I like the open spaces up toward Rainier View. I love Kubota Gardens. It's about the only destination place in our neighborhood. I would like to see more small stores like maybe a butcher, bakery, ice cream store, etc.• Grocery stores and family friendly restaurants are important. Also it would be great to improve the retail core and make it more inviting to not only businesses, but the community as well.• Grocery store nearby; we would love to see more restaurants; especially breakfast for the weekends and a with Vince's closing, a family style restaurant--

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeway/QFC/Fred Meyer, Farmer's Market, ...all in Renton• Safeway on Rainier, Fred Meier in Renton• Restaurants, grocery and Farmers markets: Renton, Columbia City, Georgetown, Burien, Seward Park. I also shop at the Rainier Beach Safeway though i am very disappointed in the food choice and quality.• Grocery store RB Safeway, sometimes Saars, Grocery Outlet• Rainier Safeway, Othello Safeway• King Donuts for teriyaki.• Variety of Stores, Safeway, Vietwah, PCC• QFC or Safeway.• Farmers Markets, PCC, Othello or Rainier Beach Safeway.• Viet Wah, Safeway• A choice of Grocery stores - Auto Jack Payless - the car dealerships• Grocery store (Sara's)• Diversified. Friendly.• Diversity and nationality• Different cultures and food• It's international. I love that.• Funky mix, family-owned businesses, culturally-specific businesses (hair products for women of color, etc)• The neighborhood in general offers a mix of cultures I think should be preserved, as well as great access to the lake.• I think the diversity of the neighborhood gives it a unique flavor that arguably no other place in the city has....to date the character of the business district is non-existent or has negative overtones. We need a face lift and a center that speaks to the uniqueness of the neighborhood.• Small businesses - restaurants, flower shops, movie, schools, etc• Maya's and the Lakeroute.• Small family-owned businesses. Gorgeous neighborhoods & views.• Family-owned businesses• Lots of Mom & Pop shops, lack of major chains, historical buildings, green space.• Local businesses, historical buildings, access to library and community centers, art & culture presence, great food• Small great restaurants, preservation of the buildings and beautifying the area• A grocery store, a drug store, a few miscellaneous restaurants, the High School, South Shore school and the community center.• Rainier Beach is great for ethnic & cultural diversity and fabulous people. I love Lake Washington, the Kubota Garden, Beer Sheva park, the new RB Neighborcare clinic, King Donut, the businesses on the corner with Cafe Lack of gentrification.• I like the diversity. I love the temples and monasteries in the area. I like that the businesses aren't part of a chain, but are locally owned small businesses, but it would be nice if some chains were more willing	<p>Unfortunately, it's littering, crime and begging, none of which need to be preserved.</p> <p>There really isn't anything that comes to mind that I would keep that can be changed. Diversity is good; location is excellent.</p> <p>Our neighborhood is not known for many good things. Having go-to spots on Lake Washington and popular sit-down restaurants would be nice. Starbuck's, and other local shops.</p> <p>I really don't think the business district area has much going on, other than a few anchor businesses such as the vet, the grocery store and Maya's. Although, I don't go to Maya's much anymore, as the quality of service and food seems to have deteriorated. I LOVE Cafe Vignole, and would like to see more such places. I like all the specialty hair salons and stores. I am glad Auto Zone moved in, they do a good service. However that corner doesn't take advantage of the Lakefront property.</p> <p>Do not know</p> <p>I am not aware there is an identity. Not even sure of the boundaries. There is nothing outstanding or identifying about Rainier Beach, oh maybe Baer Sheva park.</p> <p>unsure</p> <p>there isn't one in Rainier Beach</p> <p>Currently nothing except crime which we'd like eradicated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safeway is too dangerous - I almost got mugged there at around 5:00 pm by a group of teenage boys. If it weren't for my dog in the car that they saw at the last second, I don't know what would have happened. I never go to Safeway anymore.• Haphazard, irregular, scattered. lacking a sense of community, none• Looking forward to the rebuilding of the Community Center at Rainier & Henderson. The Commercial district identity is not tied together in any way I can see.• I don't shop in the neighborhood due to panhandlers and quality.• I go to Renton Fred Meyer. And Beacon Hill Fruit/Veg stand McPherson's. The Safeway does not have a great selection and is more expensive than other food stores (i.e. Trader Joe's). I asked Trader Joe's about moving to our neighborhood, they said it was too far off the Highway (doubt that!)• Vind's closing - a concern.•	<p>Italian?; Would love to see more kid-oriented businesses; there was a short-lived barbershop at Waters/Rainier; would be great to see a coffee shop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farmer's market would bring community together – local meats, dairy, crafts• A farmer's market would be cool.• Remove xxx/Safeway banner/barrier? – make attractive mall. More businesses, but not the gentrification that often accompanies that• More restaurants, more small businesses.• Restaurants, shops...• Restaurants• Restaurants, teen center and shops• Restaurants• Restaurant• Restaurants and shops.• We are missing restaurants• More restaurants and teen center. A big field.• More restaurants. More and better security.• More restaurants• Restaurants and more diversity.• More restaurants, community centers. A transit station nearby.• More food sources and more supervised hang out spots.• We need more restaurants and more shops• More restaurants, shopping centers. More police officers.• Restaurants and services that are easy to access by foot, bike. Diversity of business- morning to night- coffee shops to bars.• Restaurants and some REAL RETAIL• Nicer restaurants/coffee shops (not just fast food.) Kids play areas. Quality produce at the grocery store.• Restaurants, library, drugstore, groceries• Restaurants & grocery, community parks• Restaurants, shops, sidewalks (in good repair), well-lit for evening activity• Restaurants. Coffee shops or bakeries as safe, daytime gathering spaces. Wine bars or pubs for nighttime gathering spaces. There should be much more development near the light rail station, and the neighborhood needs to ensure that it's safe to walk to/from the station. From the light rail station to Beer Shiva park should be safe, developed, and pleasant to travel.• More restaurants, entertainment (near beach).• More sit down restaurant choices as opposed to fast food• Better restaurants• More restaurants, less payday loan businesses• More restaurants.• I would like to see more restaurants around. Since we have open campus it would be good to have more choices. Also, more places to hang out after school (like a teen center).• Places for Live Music• Community cohesion• A post office and a movie theater.

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<p>to locate in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The diversity of offerings for food.• Old store fronts. Variety of businesses. Quality of stores. Different cultures.• Restaurants, local grocery stores• The few restaurants we do have• Grocery stores - library-banks- schools• Vignole.• Some good restaurants• King's Donuts and the library.• Greenfront Grocery was a great addition, but was unable to survive, and now the building has been empty for a long time. Two new restaurants in the area are a very good addition, Lakeside Bistro, and Puccinella Pizza.• Auto part market very positive. Better than private car repair which affect the overall look of street (junk)• Keep Tino's Pizza – small business.• Variety of shops, services – keep.• Cultural/ethnic market (clothing, food) or shops – provide own development.• Muslim, Mexican, Asian, and Italian Restaurants.• Ethiopian Restaurant and Store on Rainier and Rose• diverse (ethnically) stores• It makes the International District look as American as Wal-Mart. I can talk to any business owner here and they love my business.• Variety of people - most diverse zip code in the USA is 98118! Keep meeting halls and variety of restaurants and community center.• The Stores where the community could shop and buy their groceries• Keep small family restaurants, businesses (Maya's).• Hair Salons and Barbershops• Unique, small shops• Mom & Pop, family-owned shops• Home grown small businesses• Printing, WiFi, Coffee meeting places, parks and public meeting places. Neighborhood Health Clinic, Light rail (better bus connections), neighborhood watch groups resumed, ethnic restaurants.• Activities for the community.• Ample parking• The community clinic• VET• Diversity.• Bank• Bank of America• Renton. Southcenter. Federal way. Chinatown.• Fred Meyer, Renton. and Saars Rainier Beach Market Place		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less fast food• Cafes, Restaurants, Grocery stores. Shops, apartments with retail.• Coffee shops, various ethnic restaurants, art studios, fitness centers, neighborhood recreational centers, etc.• Need a coffee shop• Coffee shop• A Third Place Bookstore and coffee shop.• A local cafe or two (not necessarily Starbuck or Tully's)• More hanging out places/shops (coffee/breakfast)• More cafes/groceries.• More local services. Columbia City is a great hub for local breads or meat, but there really isn't another "hub" further south.• Services for the unemployed and underemployed. Assistance from the City to help increase job opportunities for Latinos.• More African American Owned Businesses.• We want to see more and diverse business• Better stores/services.• More shopping like (e.g. Wal-Mart).• More food court area• Stores (American Restaurant) – affordable – taco truck• More (PCC-like) services – food coop – Fred Meyer• More retail – clothing• More business development• More organic produce stores• Copy center, health and fitness, bookstores• I want a Trader Joe's, more restaurants, and diverse retail. Auto service is a must!• Non-chain food & coffee, groceries, library, community space• Independent, quality businesses for: food, bistro/cafe, music/cultural venue(s).• More types of businesses along Rainier South of Othello. Would be nice to have a little area like Columbia City.• Local businesses, a local owned service station is such a thing of the past. If you want to talk to mechanic at a service station, head to Skyway.• It would be nice to have more shopping choices. Where are the bookstores, gift shops, toy stores? I can buy Halal meat at 5 locations within 4 blocks of my home, but I can't sit down for a cup of coffee or buy a book or magazine.• More nice shopping and restaurants. A safe place to meet (cafe etc). More organization of the shopping etc. Better Zoning. A theater or places to see live music. Farmer's market.• How about an ACE hardware store, garden supplies, bakery, no more hair sajons or nail salons. Light rail is GREAT!• Post office, banks, gas stations, better transportation, etc• Post office and movie theater• A post office and a movie theater• Rainier Beach Vet Hospital• I think we should rethink of ourselves as creators, not consumers. Book club.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renton Fred Meyer - cheaper then Safeway - will use Marliyn's produce for local business • The fact that Renton seems to have some sort of consistency in store front appearances • Capitol Hill or QFC Renton • Fred Meyer in Renton or PCC in Seward Park - less often. • Fred Myer in Renton, Saars and Safeway in Rainier Beach if I have too. • PCC in Seward Park. • Fred Meyer (Renton) • Renton • Renton • Renton Safeway and Renton Fred Meyer • Downtown Renton • Red Apple Beacon hill, PCC Seward Park, 2 Safeways and QFC at Mt Baker. The little fresh food market Young's market on Beacon and Myrtle just changed hands so i can no longer buy good fresh veggies there. A great loss • Trader Joes, Safeway, PCC, Fred Meyer • Trader Joe's • Trader Joe's on Capitol Hill, PCC in Seward Park, Columbia City Farmers market, and Safeway in RB (reluctantly) • Costco, Safeway, PCC, Saar's, Trader Joes, farmer's market • Not at the thieves at Safeway • Costco, QFC and farmers markets • Downtown Seattle • Costco, Trader Joe's, PCC, QFC. • PCC • PCC/sometimes Safeway • PCC in Seward Park. (60%) • PCC • PCC and Costco. • PCC Seward Park • PCC (Seward Park) • PCC in Seward Park • PCC, Safeway • Historic buildings, parks, small shops and restaurants, free street parking, famer's market • Lake activities, waterfront access, yacht club, parks • Atlantic City Park and Marina • The public art installations (there are at least 15) and the nautical themes. • Artwork and a connection to Lake Washington. • Rainier Beach community center and Rainier Beach high school • Library. Light Rail. PCC (actually that's Seward Park I guess). Columbia City Cinema. • You don't get shot at Safeway, but you do get shot at Rainier & 		<p>School. Sports games. Walking to the park. Services that support these activities: books, athletic supplies, gardening supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safeway and bus lines #'s 7 and 106 and light rail. As it grows it'd be nice to have more of a selection of restaurants/neighborhood pubs. • Shopping centers and restaurants. • Our community is missing shops, restaurants, parks, community centers and teen centers as well as clinics. • We need shops, restaurants. I want to see the whole neighborhood having positive looks in its surrounding. I want to see colorful sights, plants and nice buildings around. • More shops (clothing stores, etc). Places for teens. • Shops so people can buy clothes • Shops • We need a mall • A shopping mall • Shops • Shops; community centers. • Shops, places to do shopping (clothes, shoes) and more restaurants. • Shops, restaurants (nice ones), teen center. • Shops. • Shop restaurants, etc. Teen center, community centers, hospital, etc. • More Pharmacies. Supermarkets in our neighborhood. More healthy and family restaurants. More professional business, such as dental clinics, massage, PT, OT clinics. • An outlet and a studio • More sports • More shops and a sports store • They need to open more shops. • Shops and entertaining game places. • I would like to see Saars store shut down or reevaluated because they discriminate harshly against Rainier Beach students and stereotype them. Saars employees make Rainier Beach students stand outside only allowing in 5 students at a time. It is inhumane. • Move Saars. Better outside basketball hoops and a cleaner environment. • Banks, grocery stores, salons, gym, pharmacy, retail stores, library • Banking, healthy food, • Places to bring children • Better Services. • Take down auto repair • I believe there's nothing missing in this neighborhood except clinics and health centers and security. • More places to go. • More places to go and a cleaner environment • More places to go; cleaner environment; shopping areas. • We need more places to go. • Keep the diversity and the ability of all economic levels to afford a place to live.

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<p>Henderson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The swimming pool. The king donut. It needs a post office and a movie theater.• I'm not the primary shopper in my family. I shop randomly.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• good fresh food, a library• Healthy food choices in restaurants and groceries. Community meeting places for small and large groups.• I'd love to see some more night life. Granted I live in a residential area, but after dark, no one but the gangs roam the streets.• I'd like there to be an ordinance against multinational conglomerates. It was horrid to see Subway move in - we have a locally owned subshop that's awesome, but they don't have an advertising budget. They cannot compete.• I wish the Community Center was more expanded, hours and services• Schools, transportation, health services and food• Doctor's office and Vet are services we use now. More social aspects such as sit-down restaurants like Applebee's, Pancake House, QDoba, pubs, etc. where neighbors can gather, and local area shops.• The library, Safeway, the light rail station, King's Donuts, I imagine the health clinic will become a part of the community.• Community center, clean and tidy store fronts, walking areas, parks, easy access to light rail, parking near light rail.• Successful schools that meet the needs of the wide range of pupils who live there. Only a small percentage of those in the RBHS area go there, for example. I would not send my child there.• We need stores like Target and Fred Meyer. We need better bus service to get to MLK Way. Taking the 106 away from Othello Street was a terrible mistake!!!!• Local hospital that is open 24/7• Parks, schools, public safety/crime prevention.• Lake Washington, making more owner-occupied areas• Good transit service is a must. Many in this community depend on it.• Good access to Light rail and some parking made available near the station.• Better bus service. Some type of services in the Empty building in #6. More close restaurants.• Link Light Rail. Aside from dining and groceries, I don't do much shopping in this area. I would like to see more businesses like those in the Columbia City area spread throughout the rest of the RV.• Keep the library updated and well staffed.• Social service hubs are more central – need one stop shop service providers. There are services, but not full service• Keep the South Shore School and other new complex and the plans for the Community center in place.• Economic uplift for the residents• Businesses take care of their property and upkeep so it matches the neighborhood's planned development• Improved schools!• Clean up of business district and fill in the blanks• Develop empty lots, especially ones on MLK and Rainier• Public art in the area.• A gang free environment

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Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•• Lighting – safety• Safety/security (cars broken into)• Perception of unsafe neighborhood• Safety• Too much drug activity, violence (Henderson).• Bus stops feel unsafe.• Too many burglary bars on windows• Crime/gangs• area around train doesn't feel safe• I don't want to be scared to drive past Rainier and Henderson. I don't even like to use the library there, because that area is so dangerous! Less shootings would be great. It is sad that I am desensitized to the weekly sound of gunfire. Less drug dealing in front of my house and on my street. I want to feel like my kids can play in my front yard, and that we can walk to the park without being in danger.• Seattle Family and Youth Initiative---does it address youth gang prevention and the spread of graffiti?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•• More police around.• More police officers and tougher on kids.• More police officers who do their job correctly instead of just sitting there.• Police and more people.• More police and well-dressed people.• I think more police security around would work.• More police officers, less gangs.• I think that Rainier Beach would be a safer community to live in if there were more police out at Rainier Beach.• We need more police• More police around. More restaurants.• Police station; Wendy's, Dairy Queen.• More police so that the people can feel save to walk on outside, because I feel scare to walk outside, sometimes when I'm trying to go outside I don't bring with me any expensive value with because I know I'm get jacked or stolen my staff by the gang people.• More people looking out for our safety and more restaurants. People helping out with making the Rainier Beach area a better place (Like people picking up trash, parades, fun, excitement for kids of all ages).• Security more safety please. Restaurants, community centers.• I think what's missing is security.• Better security.• More security, everyday people get jumped and beat up, or jacked. They need more security!• If there was a police station around here.• If there were more cops around monitoring Rainier Beach are because a lot of fights break loose and cops don't see them.• More patrol cards at major gang-related streets. More gang unit cars.• More security probably! Other than that, it's great!• Better security.• Security 24/7.• Security and police 24/7.• More security in Rainier Beach.• More security – public safety.• More police patrol.• More police – more biking lines (parking)• More police attention• Need more public safety• More police patrols, faster, if any at all responses to illegal activities when called in to 911.• More policing to get rid of the gang/ crime element.• Police force- youth activities -• We would like to see the City of Seattle increase surveillance. Residents, visitors and business owners are concerned about increased auto and home burglaries.• More police presence

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better response time from police. Also see note above about slum lords. And, can we fix the streets in the south end - I've been here 20 years, with the same pot holes the whole time.• Security• Larger police presence. No shootings. Repaving and restriping roads so that you can identify lanes and not fall in a pothole• If there were more police helping students.• Add a police station• No cops/gang unit!• Police.• a fight somebody wants to use a weapon and people end up getting hurt.• Security.• I think more security in the stores so that people can't steal stuff from the stores around the high schools.• I want to erase its (Rainier Beach) bad reputation. I want it to be a friendlier neighborhood and will welcome everyone. I want it to become interesting—like having fun activities.• Bring more police to this community, so the gang people can disappear.• If I could change one thing in Rainier Beach, I would clean up the streets.• The youth that wander the streets as well as those battling with drug and alcohol addictions, mentally demented people also.• Gangs and more police.• More security at the transit stop @Rainier & Henderson.• Enforce leash laws! Loose dogs make walking less safe• Adequate access to 911• Clean up Rainier/Henderson mess -- crime, gangs, etc.• Henderson (from Rainier to MLK) -- better lighting, would like to feel safe at night• More lights on the streets and parks• More lights on the streets and security (camera)• Fight crime• Improved safety and general maintenance and cleanliness. Town center that is a nice place for neighbors to live and shop as well as somewhere people from outside the neighborhood would like to visit for shopping, eating and recreation.• A safer bustling town center with commerce flowing and a place to drink a cup of coffee and talk about the greatness of the place we live.• Better reputation, and known as a "safe" neighborhood. No gang activity. Updated neighborhood facelift. Addition of stores like Trader Joe's and nicer PCC markets• More places for the youth to go to. More help for the gang members.• Have more useful things (buildings, stores, community centers).• Safety and security! an identifiable "center or core" for Rainier Beach. Where is the core?• DECREASE CRIME, build a town center, connect to the light rail, make rainier beach a great place for kids--community center, room to bike and walk, clean

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		<p>air, less chain stores and check cashing joints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• More businesses• Clean and safe. I have to clean my yard daily because people just dump their drink bottles, cans and trash on our yard when they go by. I used to live in north of Seattle, and it had never been an issue for me. I live in a house, but the neighborhood is worse than when I lived in an apartment.• Safer streets, fewer gangs, cleaner and well maintained streets,• Safety - we've had a lot of break-ins on our block including our own home which was ransacked in 2007.• Safety• To feel safe and better schools• No crime. I want to be able to walk my dog without being armed. I would like my son to take a bus or light rail without supervision.• Less crime (I heard gun shots last night for the first time ever). Less trash and trashy looking store fronts. There's shop fronts and buildings that need to be removed or renovated. More of a kid's park, with play equipment, in the park behind the library. More of cops walking the beat, getting to know the community.• Much less crime• Less crime, less prostitution and drug activity• Less crime• SAFETY is my first and main concern. I don't feel safe for myself nor my parents/siblings to walk around the neighborhoods. It seems there are always drug addicts, young gang members and ignorant people with pitbulls all over the place.• Less crime and more community involvement• More security, less violence, etc. I would like to see more attention given to known hubs of illegal activities. I would like to see more people taking care of their homes, yards, etc. More attractive store fronts, less bars on windows.• I would prefer that the neighborhood become safer so as to attract more young families and the disposable income that comes with them.• Want more camera on the street• Less crime and a way to get to the light rail(30 minutes now to go 2 miles on the bus) or a safe place to park• Probably if they stop people carrying guns and using drugs.• I think, no, it's not a safe community to live during the night.• If teens didn't feel the need to be violent.• Get rid of all the gang people, less people on the street.• Reduces gang violence.• Less gang violence.• No gang related activity, fights, drama. New buildings and more places with different kinds of food.• Less gangsters, thugs and wannabies walking around acting stupid, shooting people, or ding and selling drugs. Less violence as well.• Less gang members!• Less gang violence.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Less gang violence.• Less hood rats and more gyms.• Less hood rats.• Less hood rats.• Less gangs on the street.• Less gang activity• Less gangsters on the streets.• Get rid of gansters on the streets.• The use of guns and knives. Every time there's Less gang violence!!!!!!!!!! did I mention less gang violence please?• Get rid of the hoodlums• More youth and family activities to decrease violence in the neighborhood• Catch early, little kids.• More non-profit organizations in the community—such as mentor programs, addition relief programs and teenage concentrated programs.• If they rebuild the school (Rainier Beach). If the City applies more fun atmosphere.• How about we get more funds for our school so we can get a better education.• Gyms where we can work out excess energy.• Better parks, better streets, more police patrolling around , good stores and diversity.• More public events and get kids involved!• A hang out place because sometimes you can't go home.• Advising the youth who are selling drugs, tell them this is not the real life. The real life is to work hard and to go to school.• Establish common ground between churches/faith to work on safety – capitalize on diversity/build bridges understanding• More block-watches, a P-Patch, crime prevention and positive programs for youth.• Less crime and less police harassment.• Less police and less violent gangs.• Less police picking on people who didn't do anything wrong.• Less police bothering you because of the way you look.• More community services; more police for more protection.• There is a clear mandate from RB Latinos to separate law enforcement from immigration and to request members of the Seattle Police Department to not ask Latinos for their immigration papers when they stop them. Several persons know of friends and family members that this has happened to.• The fear of immigration keeps Latinos from active civic participation---even those who are legal residents or citizens fear that they will be targeted because of their race, ethnicity or language.• Latino participants are concerned that the City of Seattle Police Department treat them with respect. There was mention of past and recent incidents of racism and police brutality against Latinos. Some asked how to report such incidents to the Mayor and City Council.• I believe if all of us understand the problem, we could make less problems.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kids activities• Bring youth leaders in theater/music needed for kids.• Government officials start a financial aid program for undocumented students who show promise• Need more affordable opportunities and activities for youth - need to go to them.• life skills• Youth events and community parade where the whole family could participate• Get kids outside with activities• Need to have a community center “free of charge” so we could have fellowship together• Summer Youth Employment / Jobs in general.• High School / Academics• Do not close down RBHS• School quality• Better quality schools!!! I don't believe that we will attract as many positive, involved families into our community until we have the same quality of schools as our North end neighbors.• Better schools, less crime, better sense of community.• Collaboration between public schools and the City of Seattle in order to provide Latino students more academic opportunities and scholarships.• Will City government lobby the state and federal government to maintain the children's medical coupons as before?• Opportunities for active engagement of high school aged children (including white and Hispanic).• Extra-curricular activities (fun) around math/science.• Redo the school.• Redo Rainier Beach High School.• Redo the high school.• Make Rainier Beach High school more better in color—inside and out.• Are we live in. Re-do the school.• Build a newer school or remodel RBHS.• Better school/remodel school• Expand the school, and put more education in this area. So we can be equal as others. Stop people from loitering.• I would change the building of the school and when school activities have a game the students would go to the games.• The school building and I also don’t like Saars.• Make this school more fun. People fight, argue, etc. because they are bored.• More students.• More school spirit• School rules.• More lunch time.• I would say we want to have clean area around our school.• The participants asked if the Mayor's Office could help secure Medical coupons for both low-income children and adults.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I would want to see Rainier Beach High School remodeled, the paint job is old & we need bigger classrooms. Make use to be portables in the back of our school! But more restaurants & better community center, teen centers.• Remodeling our school. New school materials and more school spirit.• Better public high school program, deal with youth issues, gangs, better police protection from a range of low level, but distracting crime. More for youth and young adults to do, and become involved with.• Before and after school care with an emphasis on helping kids with homework. Parent engagement classes. Promotion of healthy lifestyle - rather than just fun. Structured programs that provide a "safety net" for youth by fostering lifelong learning. Parks & Rec needs to work with other organizations to promote experiential learning and to coordinate efforts with local schools. Talk to parents about what is needed. Poll seniors about programs needed. Talk to the kids about what they think they need.• More determined and motivated students.
Transportation: Light Rail		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good transportation Rainier and MLK• It is accessible for public transportation• #7 bus: Like that still uses Rainier and can get downtown!• #7 bus• Light rail• Easy access to transit – buses, light rail• Taking bus and LRT (Rainier Beach Link Station) to downtown is good to save \$ on gas and parking.• Metro to provide linkage from homes to east of Rainier to LRT station.• #106 is good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cut off – more transfers – the more separated you are in 3 transfers• Transportation/coming down from Beacon Hill• Safety at RB station.• Safety issues with bus stops.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Do not go/use this stop due to difficult crime at bus stop.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Apt. changed ownership, might have gotten better.▪ Police patrols in area would help reduce crime.▪ Unsure how to deal with gang violence.▪ Police? Resources?• Safety concerns at bus stops in a.m.• Bus schedule affected when LRT went in.• Drive to Columbia City to Park and Ride LRT.• space• #39 service cut• #39 not a good connection.• #39 buses no longer run on Seward Park Ave.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Want bus back.○ Forced to drive○ Seniors live around here (+ nursing home).○ All need to drive you instead of catching bus.• Access to LRT is tough; requires driving or two busses.• Too many buses lined up on Henderson – need proper transit No drop off at light rail station• Need transit from light rail into Rainier Beacon (sometimes difficult for folks that have trouble walking. Maybe have shuttles during rush hour.• Parking around LRT is hard.• If city not providing P & R lots, how should neighbors get to link station?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Need better bus links (E/W routes).○ Metro did not listen when modifying routes.	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need parking at LRT station.• Improve safe connection to LRT at night so people can use.• ST Needs to use shuttles to get people to LRT.• Informal/private company - shuttles to LRT - maybe streetcar• Need more E/W bus service & LRT (and in commuting hours).• On street and in park, need more cameras that police monitor. - will make neighborhood feel safer, especially at night.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We don't need cameras; we need police officers in the community.• Enhancing LRT station<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Neighborhood business resources→should market @ station.○ How to get people to stay, not just pass through neighborhood.○ Columbia City as an example.• Physical enhancements & marketing of services/businesses to direct people from station to CC.• Create P & R lots so can drive and park all day to use station.• Better E/W connections to LRT needed.• Easier to use transit<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lower fare▪ More frequent routes• Better transit• Better bus connection to Philipino Community Center.• Want bus connection from Beacon Hill.• Reduce transit fares drop age limit to 60/55.• Bus 39 stop on Seward/Rose•</div>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Too far to walk and not safe.	
Transportation: Pedestrian		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I take back ways through neighborhoods or parks and feel fine• Safe to walk in parks• Like sidewalks, Seward nearby, soccer fields used/parks – for dog• Yes [safe]• Yes• Yes• YES! But we need a cross-walk on Renton Ave from Norfolk to Kubota Gardens. Very busy crossing point due to the park, bus stops, high pedestrian traffic in the neighborhood.• Yes, in my neighborhood, but not along the busier [commercial] streets.• My street and direct neighborhood is easy to walk in, and we do, but we do not walk further, because of the busy roads, small skinny sidewalks. Also, due to the low level criminal activity, I don't want my kids exposed to low level annoying criminal activity or group/gang behavior.• Depends. generally safe, but sometimes quite dangerous, depending upon who's roaming the streets.• Mostly; there are no sidewalks in certain parts and at night it doesn't feel as safe.• Safe during the day, walking home from light rail is a little sketchy• I feel safe during the day, but not after dark.• Sort of. There isn't anything to do after dark, so I don't walk anywhere. When I come home from work, I stick to major streets that are well lit or travelled.• Yes it is easy and I feel safe before dark. After dark it doesn't feel safe. I have even had bus drivers late at night tell me to "watch my back in this neighbor. ""• Yes, during daylight hours.• Safe during daylight, dangerous at night because of youth/gang violence and criminal activity• Safe during the day on the lake side. the other sidewalk is overrun with vegetation and landslides• I've heard of others having trouble, but I have never felt unsafe walking here, day or night.• Yes, it is safe and easy to walk. I would like• Safe and easy, not productive (nowhere to go)• Mostly safe to walk. Exceptions due to mud from slopes washing across sidewalks & long distance of crosswalks at 51st. Renton Ave & Roxbury.• Mostly, though neighbors have been harassed by cars passing by, I've seen crime (violence against women) in cars in the daytime (and DID call the police). I've seen cars "dumped" - turned out to be stolen.• Somewhat safe, don't always feel safe at night	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking is not safe. Especially at night, needs to be safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and play. Encourage Rainier Beach as a destination center.• Not safe on rainier between Othello and Henderson. I am always watchful.• Safety• Gang members• Easy but I chose to drive because it is safer• People are afraid to walk at night in Rainier Beach area especially around Othello & Rainier Avenue.• We don't prefer waking specially at night because not enough security.• Not enough light• Polices come not on time at Rainier Beach Area• The corner of Rainer and Henderson Bus stop and around Jack in the Box area needs special attention regarding security and safety.• No! Too much Gang activity!• NO! I don't walk in my neighborhood. I heard gun fires a lot of time. People fighting on the street. Our Safeway is the only supermarket with police to protect us. Without police, I don't even want to go to Safeway. Many houses experienced burglaries, including myself.• I feel safe walking in the day time, but not at night because the streets are poorly lit and there is not much activity• No, high crime and poorly lit streets. Streets are poor for driving for that matter....pot holes lack of maintenance....generally easy to walk, but scared to do so.• Personal safety: too many shootings, drug deals, gang activity to feel safe walking after dark.• It is not safe to walk at night. We have a few crack houses in the neighborhood that have repeat offenders.• NO, it is not safe. There are too many shootings, robberies and illicit sex going on in the neighborhood and on the streets. Fast cars and loud music abounds. My husband uses a wheelchair and there is too few areas for him to "walk" safely.• No, not only is it dangerous due to crime, but there aren't always sidewalks.• No it is not safe. Mayor McBike prefers not to resolve the gang problem in the Henderson/Rainier Ave south area.• No, it is not safe to walk at night. Gang activity, drugs and people looking to mug you for \$\$.• Easy but not safe because of drug users asking for money• No, it is not safe to walk about the neighborhood. Please refer to response in question #9.• I do not walk in this neighborhood as I feel it is unsafe.• No it is not safe due to gang activity (never know when the shooting is going to start. The Rainier Beach Safeway is a war zone• No. Crime is a big problem in Rainier Beach. When I get my prescriptions at the local Rite Aid (Rainier & Henderson) I just hope I don't catch a stray bullet.• it's fine while it is light out but I would not walk in the dark• No, it's not safe after dark and there are a distinct lack of crosswalks on rainier, not	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More sidewalks in general & especially in areas where people are walking.• Need wider sidewalks on Rainier.• More walkways, lighting, landscaping.• More places to go – a good coffee meeting place, closer parks, more lighting on sidewalks• Safe areas at all times day and night with enjoyable activities. Other Seattleites come to visit day and evening.• Safer crosswalks• More sidewalks• Sidewalk and road maintenance, continued good relations with Police dept., Neighborhood meetings• Better sidewalks and better street repair. More overhead lights. And, most important, more traffic regulators like super visible crosswalks with flashing lights, electronic speed reminders, speed bumps, photo ticketing...Rainier ave. is a huge problem at my address...10358!• Sidewalks, we desperately need sidewalks in the Dunlap Area. Sidewalks should not be a privilege but a necessity when you live between Rainer and MLK.• More sidewalks! Less gang violence, more art projects, improvement to parks, etc.• Continue to improve Henderson and Mape’s Creek.• Honestly, I'd LOVE to see bike cops or cops just walking a beat. Talking to people, saying hi, being personable.• Safe transportation for elderly, children, and people of all ages.• Need it to be easier for elderly and kids to get around• More pedestrian lighting• Need railings along MLK where cars go 45 mph• Need sidewalks near Othello playground.• Yes. i would like to see a post office and a movie theater. they would draw more adults into the neighborhood and thus stabilizing the pedestrian traffic.• Stairs – needs to be made to look better• We are very close to Othello Park, and I would love to walk with my kids there more often, but it isn't safe!!!!!! Even in the daytime, it is scary to take the kids for a walk to the park. I wish we could get out and about more in the neighborhood. Rainier Ave is somewhere I avoid because it is not at all pedestrian friendly. I have high hopes for Othello Station. It is within walking distance, and hopefully they will get some good stores in their retail space.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pretty much• Yes, but when I'm alone (I'm a women) I don't want to walk after dark.• We can get to just about any good service – close enough to get parks but there's glass on sidewalk• If I stay East of Rainier Ave., it feels safe.	<p>that any of the drivers down here would respect them anyway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No, not safe to walk• Could be better• I only walk in the day time, and within a few blocks of my house. Otherwise, no.• No - lack of sidewalks• Not safe to walk to my bus stop on 51st and Creston – No sidewalks on my street.• Sidewalks not well defined. Need safe pedestrian walks for children, mid-age, and especially elderly – no cracks. Gravel parking strip –not working well.• No - sidewalks are not usable due to cars parked on sidewalks, overgrown shrubbery• Usually glass on sidewalk on way to goods/services• I don't walk enough to know how sidewalks are – but there's a lot of standing water/clogged drains in heavy rains• crossing Rainier is difficult• No, because sidewalks only exist in certain areas. It's REALLY annoying to walk and have walk in the street because my block (and most blocks in my neighborhood) only has partial sidewalks, it's especially unsafe for children and the elderly because they have to either walking in the street or have to constantly cross to the other side of the street because the sidewalks only exist in certain spots.• Improving bikability/walkability – Rainier corridor• Not really. I would like to see more lighting and wider pedestrian walks and some better landscaping on Henderson• No. Big trucks and cars go 50 plus mph. No sense of neighborhood on Rainier. Just a freeway.• No - don't feel safe with the increase in drivers speeding - youth needing positive direction• Not safe. Walk around the block with my dog.• Dangerous traffic: not enough cross walks. Needs safety street and sidewalk lights, Improved sidewalks.• No--too many buses along Henderson (no visibility), high-volume and speed of traffic, too many cut-outs along sidewalk makes it dangerous, blocks are long with few destinations; it's like walking in a parking lot• No - there are not enough sidewalks. The link light rail is just a bit too far for my house and the bus takes way to long to make it worthwhile to even ride to the bus of rail. It's frustrating.• No. Overgrown or missing sidewalks, and speeding cars.• I wouldn't necessarily say safe...• No - bad lighting, people on sidewalks, cars speeding, etc• Not really. The light rail is a long way from my home. I walk there when I have time, but I often drive downtown instead. If I were a daily commuter into downtown, I would spend time to better navigate the transit system.• Businesses are too far and few• Not close enough to walk to rail; would like to park there (1.5 miles)• Not walkable, would like a reason to walk. missing pieces of sidewalks/need safer sidewalks• There isn't any place to go since I live near Skyway and Skyway (unincorporated King County) is a wasteland...unless you count the casinos up here as something to do. It's	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the most part, yes. Bike lanes on Seward Park Ave are great.• Yes, though Seward Park Avenue South could have more obvious bike lanes as SO MANY people bike along there.• It's relatively safe, but there are certain places where I won't bike because I don't feel safe. i.e Rainier Ave S• Much safer now but still a bit dangerous do to regular speeding and lack of patrols• The Chief Sealth Trail is neat, and the bike trail on 51st Ave South is nice, but other than that, there are no safe routes.• I use my bike for commuting, pleasure, connecting to bus and light rail, travel to restaurants and friend's houses•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biking is dangerous. The roads are too narrow and without bike lanes. Potholes are pretty bad too.• No, Rainier Ave is unsafe for a bicycle and there are no designated bike lanes/sharrows on alternate roads. There needs to be more bike accessible paths and bicyclist education for DRIVERS.• I don't feel that it's safe because of configuration of streets - and again there is no place to go close by in the Skyway area. It would be a steep decline and climb back up should I venture down to Rainier Beach. Again, there are very few businesses of interest down there.• Too Hilly• Neighborhoods are hilly and not easy for leisure bike riders.• Hilly• No. Too many hills and bad roads. Mostly but still not at night• We never biking• I don't bike in my neighborhood• I don't have a bike• <u>We don't bike. It is not safe especially during the evening</u>• NO. As I described above. People drive 50 miles per hour in 30 miles limited. We cannot even cross street and feeling safe. With hills, people don't turn on head lights and over speed. Many car accidents in our neighborhood.• Not at all• No- Fast - over speeding traffic• Drivers - low police presents in the area• No, bad drivers make riding unbearable and unsafe. Gravel on roads is not good• No: same answer as #12.• No--too many buses along Henderson (no visibility), high-volume and speed of traffic, too many cut-outs along sidewalk makes it dangerous, no bike lanes, traffic on Rainier just too busy. It's a freeway. Road diet please!• Traffic is too dangerous on Rainier Ave.• Cars generally drive WAY too fast in our neighborhood, I'd be worried to bike around.• There isn't adequate "bicycle awareness" with drivers in my neighborhood, even on streets with sharrows. I might bike down Waters to Seward Park Drive on occasion, but I'm less likely to bike anywhere near Renton Ave, which makes accessing Chief Sealth Trail difficult.• No people drive too fast• NO, again too many fast cars and harassment from who knows who, but they play their music loud and make lewd remarks.• <u>It is not safe to ride near Rainier Ave. The traffic flow is too dangerous for biking or walking, especially with kids.</u>• Not good biking, especially on Rainier and MLK• Could be better. The traffic is the main issue, but in a city that can be said of anywhere.• No, MLK and Rainier are the worst streets for feeling safe.• No it is not safe.• No. Crime, gangs, drugs, crazy drivers &/or addled crackheads on• Rainier Ave S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bikes lanes not everyone likes riding in arterials.• Need to provide other bike routes (bike xxx).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unsafe after daylight hours• No, not safe• I do not ride a bike and do not plan to.• I’m too old to ride a bike.• Bicycles are a bane on the road. The cyclist, mostly, do not follow the laws of the road, even the ones enacted to make it more attractive for them.• I could care less about biking. We need Sidewalks, not bike paths in the Rainier Valley.	
Transportation: Cars	•	•
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rainier – keep 4-lane road (need 2 lanes each direction)• Do not want to create more congestion.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Would cause more idling→bad for environment (pollution).◦ Stop taking away parking in front of small businesses.• Environment/community/getting around (car)• Easy I-5 access, freeway, airport, Seattle• Getting around• Keep 4 lanes on Rainier Ave to prevent congestion and polluting neighborhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standing water – Henderson/Rainier.• Road improvements.• Heavy traffic prevents quality town center.• Traffic too fast adjacent to Othello playground (on 43rd Av N & Myrtle).• Re-pave Rainier & MLK through Central area.• Pothole repair• Street south of Orcas, sight distance problem turning onto Rainier.• South Shore School too fast traffic on streets adjacent to school. Lower speed limit on Rainier and Henderson: “When children present”; police enforcement of school zone.• Not enough pedestrian attractions on Henderson. Nothing attractive at RB station – no reason to get off. Signs?• What happened to the trees planned on Rainier Ave?• I totally dislike the City’s intrusion by putting up all those obnoxious 2hr parking limits, striping in small street residential places.• Traffic light cameras for safety purposes• Drive because I’m usually driving to into town and community meetings, church and kid activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better roads and sidewalks, more retail stores and restaurants, cleaner store fronts, better lighted side streets, more bars, music venues, more businesses on MLK Way• Better roads, lighting, security, more police presence• More street trees and better lighting. An affordable place to park for using light rail.• Get rid of the trucks and cars that go 50 mph thru the neighborhoods• Better road care, less busses FLYING down 64th ave.... actually NO buses on 64th ave. More police response to calls and crime. In the past weeks they have not even bothered to show up to some calls.• Better roads, stores, having owner occupied homes should help. right now, it's pretty bad• More curb cuts to stop people parking on grass (sliding scale system to be offered by City)• More street lights – Henderson.• Keep 4-lane roads. We don't need polluting traffic congestion.• Reduce speed limit on Roxbury to 25mph, and need police enforcement.• Make efforts to slow traffic speeds on Rainier; encourage drivers to stop and shop.• Re-pave 51st.• Along Rainier – need improvements to make this corridor more cohesive, inviting – planters with kid’s artwork – consistent look. Celebrates people• More art on street – murals, sculpture.• See #6 & #7. Better traffic control on Rainier Ave., i.e. slower speeds, no passing in center lane, better signage to lower rate of accidents at curves.• At the very edge of the city boundary, i feel we are forgotten; horrible roads, reported abandoned vehicles, rare police appearance
Housing		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Affordable• Affordable housing.• Affordable• Affordable housing• Because it is affordable• Affordable Housing.• It's cheaper to live here• Old Houses / Architecture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No more low income housing/more middle class housing• Housing Repair Loan/Grant – The income levels are too low for the working class individuals. As a single person medium income I do not qualify for loan too repair my home. The income levels need to be adjusted.• Latino homeowners are concerned about foreclosures--can the City help?• We have some housing, which look like abandon houses, need to get improved. We need to have more nice and clean houses in our neighborhood.• Not enough parking for the current residents because of the Light Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More housing – apts low-income• Affordable housing• Affordable Apartments• Low income houses• Affordable.• Affordable• Reasonably priced apartments and condos, nice unique looking houses• Mixed income, fewer slum lords

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quiet area• Nice, quiet neighborhood• Needed a house quickly that I could afford. I did not choose it by desire but by necessity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There's already too many people; people will move out• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tasteful low income, middle income buildings with retail on the street for business to thrive• Mixed - affordable units; apartments and condos• More mixed income, more density• Affordable housing/senior housing• Middle-high income• Affordable – especially for all income levels<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <= 30% Median Income○ <= 50% median income○ <= 80% median income• Retain the same percentage of low income and ethnic diversity• Build low-income housing• Affordable/low income apartments and townhouses, library, gym/physical activity center, clinic/health center, pharmacy, seniors' center. Idea was not given on the effect of such developments on current residents.• Buildings with mixed income levels• More stable apartments (mid-income)• Low income housing; along the same housing issues--will the City of Seattle address tenant rights and low income housing in Rainier Beach?• Information about City-sponsored programs and resident rights is not getting to the Latino community by traditional means. Participants want the City to Listen, respond--and keep them Informed.• Revise City support scale to help middle class keep their homes• Safety inspection for housing• Increased apartment inspections in Rainier Beach area because of ticks, lice, cockroach problems.• A lower concentration of "low-income" housing (moderate-income housing is okay)• Home Ownership• Not a concentration of low-income housing• Redevelop Lake Washington apartments• [Would like to see housing] that is not claptrap high density that will be in shambles in a few years because cheap materials were used. We want a "village" where children have a yard to play in – not asphalt front and ugly privacy fences that destroy the green of the community.• Replace housing that is boarded and rotting• Upgraded houses• I would like to see vacant lots cleaned up; houses that were partially built to be finished or cleared• Upgraded and attractive• I'd like to see all the crappy landlords cleared out. If they're going to have rental properties, they need to take care of their properties and be responsible for what happens there. They are slum lords. There's too much drug/crime from these places.• Housing without criminals who shoot people.• Quality. Can be mixed use to promote better business + residents. It would be

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		<p>great to see more density with business on bottom, loft-style living above like other parts of the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ones without bars on windows and rundown properties• Upgrade existing older homes along the lake.• The type does not include gangs or crime.• Less condos• Less Diversity.• Mixed use• No commercial buildings in the home owner's area to lessen crime and violence in the neighborhood• The RBH 2014 goal was that "townhome" structures were preferred multifamily developments. This should continue. Maximum structure heights are now 40 feet. His should continue indefinitely.• Concrete and beautiful house with clean surroundings• Single family housing• <u>Parking Places which has security</u>• Workforce, affordable (Household \$70K/year)• A good mix of apartments, condos and low income housing. GOOD MIX!! It doesn't work when the city crams all of the low income housing into one spot!!!• Denser housing built to the street with some height--offer more housing and anchor the neighborhood• Mixed-use retail / community college in the Safeway/Saars retail complex - and/or- at MLK & Henderson.• Townhouses that face the street.• Maybe some market-value, mid-priced housing. Like townhomes, starter condos for couples. It seems we currently have either single-family homes, or low-income housing.• More multi unit properties, condos and townhomes. I would like to see the city assist those families that own homes help with maintaining their properties. We have too many homes that are falling apart either due to financial or the inability to physically work on making the home better looking, more efficient, or healthier to live in• Some apartments and townhomes with floor plans that are suitable for seniors - bedroom, living/kitchen, full bath & laundry on main/street level near commercial area and public transit in Rainier Beach.• Some mixed use and condo units might work, but probably best either on the lake (where the current zoning is just silly) or up the hill a bit.• More Townhomes or condos with retail at the bottom• Everything. This neighborhood is prime for retail and all kinds of housing.• Preservation of single family zoning in areas currently zoned RS to maintain healthy balance of mixed income condo/apartment buildings no more than 5 stories; 2-story, single and multi family homes.• Single and multifamily housing opportunities• More new single family homes.• Single family• Residential - enough of the apartments!!!

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single homes• Single family-detached• Single family housing• Single family homes, duplexes. Urban village living with apartments or condos located over shopping and businesses.• Single homes - NOT 4 crappy townhomes crowded onto a single lot like in Ballard. Maybe condos near the RB light rail station.• Single dwelling...there are too many rentals in our area, that discourage long term residents.• single family or townhouses.• Single family housing• single family• More working class, single family homes.• I prefer single family houses, but understand the need for more density. Henderson Ave between Rainier and MLK Way seems ripe for updated housing.• Maintaining of older single family homes• Smaller individual houses, more affordable for those who want to own - maybe 2 per lot?• The same.• same• stay the same• Retain historical houses/structures or incorporate them into new multi-use buildings. Apartment/condos above street level business.• Less low income housing• Not so much low-income housing. We have that covered and this type of housing should be available in all Seattle neighborhoods.• It's all good.• No more condos no one is going to move into them. Rainier Beach has a terrible rep• I would like the City of Seattle to stop dumping every low-income/drunk/mentally ill housing facility in the South End. Try Magnolia! I've heard they'd love this!• Safe, affordable housing• Owner occupied• More urban villages, like High Point.
Parks & Recreation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenty of trees, access to parks, pool and community center• Get around by walk or bike• Love parks. Kubota and Lakeridge Park• The parks• Seward Park• Rainier Community Center• Library/community center• Library• Close to water.• More trees (Henderson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beer Sheva Park – underutilized. Need more events/activities related to beach.• Having community center closed is difficult• Is there one? The only park I am aware of is Beer Sheva. I usually go to Seward Park to walk. I'm not even sure if there is a community center and how to get there.• Wish Rainier Beacon CC was open – have to go elsewhere for childcare/activities• There is no money how can there be improvements? But we need more programs for teenagers (kids don't have any place to go)• Safe. Safe. I have a Rainier Beach park nearby, but I drove to other park to walk because I don't feel safe to walk in my neighborhood.•	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More public recreation –Beer Sheva Park.• Need more gardening opportunities.• Beer Sheva Park – need more benches in park.• Beer Sheva should have name restored to Atlantic City Park.• Build an activity at Beer Sheva Park – great amenity that is underused (classes, community events, community buildings, etc.)• Need more parking (Beer Sheva park)• Take advantage of H2o• Need better access to the beaches and general public.• Pritchard Island Beach: dog park is needed.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Park – Beer Sheva – preserve<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Needs more lighting (safety)• Beer Sheva and Pritchard Beach Park and playground library is great. Pritchard Beach wetlands, trail and XXX• Chief Sealth• South Shore I really glad Rainier Beach Community Center renovating• Parks important, like blvd. idea• Always safe• Sports and other High School programs.• Dance Class.• Southeast Seattle Senior Center• The Youth program at the Filipino Community Center where participants could participate in the after school program. It helps eliminate violence in the neighborhood and in the community.• The Rainier Beach community center has a fair amount of programming. It has always seems more targeted towards youth with nowhere to go. Which is great. Youth need safe places to hang out with caring adults. I fully support that. There are however more people in the community who might use the community center if there programming of interest.• In general I like the community center...I would like to have more opportunity to participate in exercise, more toddler infant fun times, healthy living, helping youth do service etc.• The library is awesome. Beer Sheva and Kubota Gardens are wonderful.• We have some amazing parks Dead Horse canyon, Kubota, we need to let people know, upgrade other parks and make people feel safe.• Like them how they are currently• Othello Park is nearby and we enjoy taking our kids there.• Seward Park is great, other than that, I really don't know of any other parks. I guess Othello, but I wouldn't go there after dark or plan a day there.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Areas for fishing access needed dock for people to hang out.• Connect Beer Sheva Park to light rail – bus.• Better access to the lake. Maybe a beach or a learning park on or near the lake, or even a walking bridge to take in the views• More open fields for various recreation• More and cleaner bathrooms in parks• More Parking at parks and community center• Need ample parking !!!!!• More community garden , want more greens in the neighborhood• Gym• Soccer field and walking places• Playgrounds• Play ground area for kids• Bigger park and play ground area/ more kids play ground• More parks for kids. I love our Community Centers and wish they were used more.• Better playgrounds. Shared playgrounds between the community center and the elementary schools.• More parks• Need more trails.• We want to see more parks• More park/recreation• Graffiti, potholes, too much concrete, more green spaces Water access• More parks, community garden, friendly streets, trails• More benches and picnic tables for the park• To add more space so more• Covered play ground area for basketball.• A park with a basketball court.• Make the ball fiends bigger and tennis courts.• Dog off leash park.• Latino leadership classes for youth and adults trying to better themselves and their communities (provide funding to nonprofits that teach these classes)• More youth programs -- keep them off the streets• More youth activities.• Youth activities were they are affordable for families• More after school programs trees and flowers could be planted• Young kids programming• for Latino youth including activities that create a sense of belonging• To have soccer and softball games for youth and families so each participants could interact with one another• Recreation for the youth and families• More community centers like the YMCA (with a gym and programs)• More senior activities• Want a community center “free of charge” where we could gather and worship• More summer activities in Othello Park.• Better connections between the parks.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better connections between parks (Kubota to Chief Seattle Trail / Beer Sheva to Pritchard Beach• Could use computer at Rainier Community Center for community engagement/info sharing• Update the Park on Othello and improvements for other parks in the area.• Waterfront parks, extended bike trails, improved existing parks, ball parks.• More communication and collaboration with neighborhood groups• Rebuild the community center!• Community centers and teen centers.• Completion of the Rainier Beach Community Center; toddler activities; safer parks-- Dead Horse Canyon is great but feels unsafe-- even in the middle of the day• The community center deserves lots of attention and love; work with the schools to make sure the neighborhood kids have lots of good options and learning opportunities• The community center—the gym sucks!!• Temporary structure during the community center closer• Staff available at all parks.• Children and adult programs.• More kids programs for after school• More visibility for GLTB and all-inclusive events. Many events say "Families welcome" but I don't always know it that means all kinds of families or not.• Exercise classes offered at times when 9-5 type working people can attend.• More class offerings in our neighborhood, increased toddler times• I like the parks. Better policing would help everyone feel safer, especially those of us taking a 5 year old there.• Classes• Rainier Beach HS kids need a positive outlet, something to prevent them from hanging out at Beer Sheva park smoking pot all day, while my 4 year old daughter asks "Mommy, what are those boys doing?"Nothing, dear.• Keep parks in good repair, 'green', and safe.• Cleanliness• Cleaner and safer• Cleaner, better lit parks;• Better lighting. More sculptures present.• More lighting; more hours of operation with supervision and security• Better lighting in parks• Security, cameras around, more lights, more parking lots• Security cameras needed (BS Park, Henderson – OK)• More police presence; better lighting• Safety• Safety• More lightings in recreation areas where youth and families gather and play together• Want a place where we could park our vehicles safely.• Rid the gangs from the parks. the Atlantic boat launch is often filled with gang

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		<p>thugs. Same for the Saars and rite aid stores</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The removal of gangs and there crime• Policing the parks, specifically Beer Sheva park where I have smelled people smoking marijuana while we were playing there with our kids, garbage/drug paraphernalia there.• Bring the pool back.• Better safety. Lacks at many parks.• A speedy rebuild of the Community Center.• Use the parks that are available. The fields behind South Shore and Lake Shore schools are underutilized.•